Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

J&L Speciality Steel, Inc.

12th Street & Midland Avenue Midland, PA 15059 Congressional District 4 EPA ID #: PAD004340444 Final Update

Current Progress at the Site

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Site Description

At present, J&L manufactures various grades of stainless steel. Plant operations are divided into two principal areas, steel manufacturing and finishing. The steel manufacturing process consists of the electric arc furnace (EAF), argon-oxy gen decarburization (AOD) vessel, continuous slab caster and slab grinding. The process begins with the melting of scrap metals in the EAFs. The melted metal is transferred to the AOD vessel where it continues to be chemically refined. Afterwards it is casted into slabs, the surface area grounded, then hot rolled into bands. The bands are then sent to the finishing operation.

The finishing operation consists of the hot anneal & pickle (HAP) line, cold anneal & pickle (CAP) line, Z-mills, temper mill, shear/slitters and wastewater treatment process. The operation involves annealing, cooling and pickling of the steel bands to specifications. The bands are then reduced in the "Z" mill rollers to produce the desired thickness. Once the thickness is achieved, the steel is annealed, pickled and ready for shipment.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility were conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State. No further corrective action was determined at the facility at this time.

Contaminants

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